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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 October 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 16,17,21-49,51,52,54,56 and 58-70 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 35-48 and 61-70 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 16,17,21-34,49,51,52,54,56 and 58-60 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on October 27, 2003 has been entered.

Election/Restriction

1. Applicant's traversal of the restriction requirement, presented in paper no. 4, is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that the Office Action has not shown that examination of all pending claims would impose an undue burden on the Examiner. This is not found persuasive because the restriction requirement, by itself, establishes that a serious burden would be placed upon the Examiner if more than one invention were to be examined, (e.g., the requirement for restriction sets forth the different classification of each invention as well as the distinction between the inventions). Thus, serious burden would be placed upon examiner to search all claims directed to a plurality, or all, inventions disclosed as well as address all claims to each invention in any and all rejections which may be directed to the plurality of disclosed and claimed inventions.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claims 35-48 and 61-70 remain withdrawn from further consideration.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 251

2. Claims 16, 17, 21-34, 49, 51, 52, 54, 56, and 58-60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 251 as being an improper recapture of broadened claimed subject matter surrendered in the application for the patent upon which the present reissue is based. See *Hester Industries, Inc. v. Stein, Inc.*, 142 F.3d 1472, 46 USPQ2d 1641 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Clement*, 131 F.3d 1464, 45 USPQ2d 1161 (Fed. Cir. 1997); *Ball Corp. v. United States*, 729 F.2d 1429, 1436, 221 USPQ 289, 295 (Fed. Cir. 1984). A broadening aspect is present in the reissue which was not present in the application for patent. The record of the application for the patent shows that the broadening aspect (in the reissue) relates to subject matter that applicant previously surrendered during the prosecution of the application. Accordingly, the narrow scope of the claims in the patent was not an error within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. 251, and the broader scope surrendered in the application for the patent cannot be recaptured by the filing of the present reissue application.

The language/limitations presented within claims 16, 17, 21-34, 49, 51, 52, 54, 56, and 58-60, (particularly claims 16 and 49), deletes a limitation or limitations which had been presented within claims as by amendments, as well as argued as a basis for patentability over the applied and cited prior art, filed in response to rejections of claims 1, 4, 7, 8, and 9 of the issued patent no. 5,094,04

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Claims 16, 17, 21-34, (particularly claim 16), cancel limitations to --a plurality of vent panels disposed in a stack "generally proximate to one another, [with] said plurality of vent panels defining said multiplicity of air passages"-- as had been inserted by amendment within claim 1 during prosecution of application serial no. 07/479,376 in order to place the application in condition for allowance. Claims 16, 17, 21-34, (particularly claim 16), cancel limitations to --a first aperture extending through a first one of the plurality of vent panels "and interrupting at least a portion of the multiplicity of air passages therein"-- as had been inserted by amendment within claim 1 during prosecution of application serial no. 07/479,376 in order to place the application in condition for allowance. Claims 16, 17, 21-34, (particularly claim 16), cancel limitations to --a second aperture extending through a second one of the plurality of vent panels "and interrupting at least a portion of the multiplicity of air passages therein"-- as had been inserted by amendment within claim 1 during prosecution of application serial no. 07/479,376 in order to place the application in condition for allowance.

Claims 16, 17, 21-34, (particularly claim 16), cancel limitations to --at least a first vent panel and a second vent panel connected to said first vent panel such that said first vent panel is disposed above said second vent panel "to form a stack, said first vent panel and said second vent panel defining said multiplicity of air passages"-- as had been inserted by amendment within claim 4 during prosecution of application serial no. 07/479,376 in order to place the application in condition for allowance. Claims 16, 17, 21-34, (particularly claim 16), cancel limitations to

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--at least one first aperture extending through the first vent panel "and interrupting at least a portion of the multiplicity of air passages"-- as had been inserted by amendment within claim 4 during prosecution of application serial no. 07/479,376 in order to place the application in condition for allowance. Claims 16, 17, 21-34, (particularly claim 16), cancel limitations to --at least one second aperture extending through the first vent panel "and interrupting at least a portion of the multiplicity of air passages"-- as had been inserted by amendment within claim 4 during prosecution of application serial no. 07/479,376 in order to place the application in condition for allowance.

Claims 16, 17, 21-34, 49, 51, 52, 54, 56, and 58-60, (particularly claims 16 and 49), cancel limitations to --each of said pair of vent parts including a plurality of vent panels "which are interconnected and generally parallel to one another" and disposed in a stack "generally proximate to one another, said plurality of interconnected vent panels defining said multiplicity of air passages"-- as had been inserted by amendment within claim 7 during prosecution of application serial no. 07/479,376 in order to place the application in condition for allowance. In particular, claim 49 deletes, of the above, --a plurality of vent panels which are interconnected "and generally parallel to one another".

The deleted limitations alluded to above with respect to claims 1, 4, and 7 have also been argued as a basis for patentability of claims 1, 4, and 7 on pages 8, (lines 1-6), 9, (lines 16-

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20), 11, (lines 1-4), and 12, (lines 1-6), of the October 10, 1990 amendment, during prosecution of application serial no. 07/479,376 in order to place the application in condition for allowance.

Claims 16, 17, 21-34, 49, 51, 52, 54, 56, and 58-60, (particularly claims 16 and 49), cancel limitations to --a pocket defined by and extending at least partially through at least a one of the vent parts with "said pocket being spaced apart from the interior region by the vent part"-- as had been inserted by amendment within claim 8 during prosecution of application serial no. 07/479,376 in order to place the application in condition for allowance. Further, claims 16, 17, 21-34, 49, 51, 52, 54, 56, and 58-60, (particularly claims 16 and 49), cancel limitations to "said pocket being at least partially enclosed along a first side disposed closest to the interior region of the roof ventilator by said one of the vent parts" as well as "said pocket being at least partially enclosed along a second side disposed closest to the exterior region surrounding the roof ventilator by said one of the vent parts" as had been argued as a basis for patentability of claim 8 on pages 2-3 of the July 1, 1991 amendment, during prosecution of application serial no. 07/479,376 in order to place the application in condition for allowance.

Claims 16, 17, 21-34, (particularly claim 16), cancel limitations to --a recessed area cut in the top panel with the recessed area defining a plurality of openings with "each of said plurality of openings having a pair of side walls defined by the intermediate ply, each of said pair of side walls traversing a generally oval shaped path, such that the top panel may be manually folded across a path disposed within said recessed area"-- as had been inserted by amendment within

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claim 9, as well as argued on pages 4-5 of the March 4, 1991 amendment, during prosecution of application serial no. 07/479,376 in order to place the application in condition for allowance.

Claims 49, 51, 52, 54, 56, and 58-60, (particularly claim 49), cancel limitations to --a top panel disposed above a pair of vent parts and formed of a pair of planar plies and an intermediate ply, a recessed area cut in the top panel with the recessed area defining a plurality of openings with "each of said plurality of openings having a pair of side walls defined by the intermediate ply, each of said pair of side walls traversing a generally oval shaped path, such that the top panel may be manually folded across a path disposed within said recessed area"-- as had been inserted by amendment within claim 9, as well as argued on pages 4-5 of the March 4, 1991 amendment, during prosecution of application serial no. 07/479,376 in order to place the application in condition for allowance.

As such, Applicants' introduction of instant claims 16, 17, 21-34, 49, 51, 52, 54, 56, and 58-60 in the present reissue application would constitute an improper recapture of broadened claimed subject matter surrendered in the application for the patent upon which the present reissue is based.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

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3. Claims 16, 17, 21-34, 51, 52, and 59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 16, lines 4 and 10, "each said at least one ventilator section" lacks an antecedent basis within the claim. Line 6, "each said ventilator first and second panel" lacks an antecedent basis within the claim. Is "said ventilator first and second panel" a single element? Or, should line 6 of claim 16 read --each of said ventilator first panel and said ventilator second panel--? This ambiguity at line 6 of claim 16 precipitates a rejection under 35 USC 251 with respect to "said plurality of vent panels defining said multiplicity of air passages"

Claim 49, line 9, "said first and second layers" lacks antecedent basis within the claim.

Claim 51, line 1, "said pluralities of first layer apertures" lacks a proper antecedent within the claim. Otherwise, to what does "said pluralities..." refer? Line 2, "said second layer apertures" lacks an antecedent within the claim.

Claim 59 appears dependent upon a canceled claim.

With respect to claim 16, "each" serves to define "one of two or more", (Webster's II New College Dictionary). Claim 16 does not present two or more ventilator sections. And, claim 51 does not set forth "pluralities of first layer apertures" nor "second layer apertures".

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Response to Arguments

Applicants' arguments filed September 22, 2003 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. As set forth in the above rejection of claims 16, 17, 21-34, 49, 51, 52, 54, 56, and 58-60 under 35 USC 251 claims 16 and 49 do not present limitations presented upon amendment and argued during prosecution of application serial no. 07/479,376 in order to place the application in condition for allowance.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to M. Safavi whose telephone number is (703) 308-2168.



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